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OFFICIALS FINED FOR PDC VIOLATIONS

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, levied fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 against governmental officials who failed to file statements of personal financial affairs. Some 5,500 officials are subject to this annual reporting requirement.

“I am continually amazed at the number of elected and appointed officials who ignore the law and fail to file the required financial reports,” Yorozu said.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Yorozu said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two warning letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A postcard reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 17, 2001 and an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on June 15, 2001.

On July 30, brief enforcement hearings conducted by PDC Chair Yorozu were held. Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

Officials from the Puget Sound area who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

- William Boyce, School Director, Kent School District #415, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - personal financial report is currently on file.
- Lyn Watts, Commissioner, Fall City Water District, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - personal financial report is currently on file.
- Stacy Baker, Fire Commissioner, King Fire Protection District, assessed a civil penalty of \$500 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Harry Oestreich, Fire Commissioner, King County Fire District No. 45, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Christopher Davis, City Council Member, City of Edmonds, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Patricia Medveckus, Commissioner, Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Commission, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Donna Mettler, School Director, Eatonville School District #404, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Michael Hihn, Commissioner, King County Water District No. 1, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.

- Donald Gerend, City Council Member, City of Sammamish, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Shawn Osborne, City Council Member, City of Snohomish, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- David Clemens, Commissioner, Port of Peninsula, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Frederick Gouge, Commissioner, Port of Edmonds, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 and reimposed a \$50 suspended penalty - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- James Hawley, Commissioner, Port of South Whidbey, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Esther Patrick, College Board Member, Highline Community College, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Gary Towe, City Council Member, City of Des Moines, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Janice Stafford, Commissioner, Covington Water District, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Robert Vandenburg, School Director, Central Kitsap School District #40, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$100 suspended – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Daniel Reichenberg, City Council Member, City of Lake Stevens, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.